military elements aimed at reducing the present tensions in the relationship between the two countries and securing Pakistan's agreement to taking credible and tangible measures to meet India's concerns regarding its support to terrorism in Punjab and Jammu & Kashmir. These proposals. These proposals, inter-alia, were discussed by the Foreign Secretaries of India and Pakistan at Islamabad from 17—20 July, 1990.. The second round of talks, at the Foreign Secretary level will be held at New Delhi from 9-12 August, 1990.

Influx of Sri Lankan refugees

231. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the influx of Sri Lankan refugees into the country is on the rise;

(b) if so, how many Sri Lankan refugees families entered the country during the last three months;

(c) what is the total number of Sri Lankan refugees in the country as on date;

(d) what is the total number of refugee families, if any repatriated to Sri Lanka; and

(e) what steps have been taken by Government to meet the situation arising out fresh influx of Sri Lankan refugees in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During the last three months 14578 refugees families have entered the country.

(c) As on 31-7-90, 1,39,937 refugees were in the country.

(d) 8,245 families.

(e) The Government of Tamil Nadu is providing accommodation and relief facilities to the Sri Lankan refugees in various camps in Tamil Nadu. To meet the expenditure on provision of relief facilities an 'on account' advance of Rs. 2 crores has been released to the State Government during the month of July, 1990.

Touts at the Regional Transport Offices in Delhi

232. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state.

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the report appearing in the Statesman, dated the 14th June, 1990 regarding the flourishing business of touts at the Regional Transport Offices in Delhi with the new Motor Vehicle Act coming in force; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to curb such malpractices?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Directorate of Transport, Delhi Administration has intimated that in order to contain the unscrupulous activities of certain persons operating in and around the Directorate offices a massive operation was undertaken not only to demolish their temporary structures, but to ensure that no such structure came up once again. Strict security measures were taken by Enforcement Branch of the Dirtectorate to physically remove any unscrupulous elements in the office building. While enforcing from outside to see that such elements do not again entry into this Directorate, security within was tightened. Complaint boxes were put up in every office and senior officers were directed to sit from 12.00 noon to 1.00 p.m. in their offices to take immediate action against public grievances. Long term measures like opening of new regional offices, to reduce waiting time for applicants, were taken New offices were opened at Sheikh Sarai, Janakpuri and Majnu-ka-Tilla. Issue of application form of licences were made and assistance counters were opened in all the offices to assist the general public in order to simplify the issue of driving licences this Directorate introduced assembly line procedure where collection of fees